



# American Fisheries Society

## *Western Division*

President Leanne Roulson, President-elect Lori Martin, Vice-president Dave Ward, Secretary-Treasurer Mary Buckman, Past-president Scott Bonar

Western Division Executive Committee Conference Call  
January 14, 2010

Roll call: Lisa Stuby (Alaska), Mike Mills and Anna Forest (Utah), Jim Shannon (Washington-British Columbia), Jim Fredericks (Idaho), Scott Barndt (Montana), Leanne Roulson, Dave Ward, Lori Martin. A quorum was established.

Minutes: Minutes from the mid-year meeting in November and from the December teleconference were approved with minor corrections to be sent to Mary Buckman.

President's report: President Roulson discussed the draft guidelines for Division involvement and action when requested, as summarized by Mary Buckman from previous ExCom discussions. It was agreed the outline captured the essence of the discussions. The Division needs sufficient time to ensure any actions taken are well considered and appropriate. The summary of the protocols for Division involvement and action on an issue will become part of the Procedures Manual currently being developed.

Treasurer's report: Deferred.

New officer & awards nominations: Past-President Scott Bonar was not present. President Roulson reported that he is proceeding as discussed during the December conference call.

Salt Lake City annual meeting: The ExCom confirmed that leadership training will occur Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to Noon. The ExCom meeting will follow immediately, from Noon to 5 PM with a working lunch. Attendance is expected to be a dozen or so. ExCom agreed that it was reasonable to reimburse the instructor for travel and lodging for one night.

ExCom discussed the need to update the information regarding student support for travel to the meeting. Applications for travel support will be submitted to the President and then reviewed by all Division officers.

The deadline for symposia is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Few have been received so far. The room block is not filling either. Mike Mills reported no luck in finding other groups to help fill the room block.

The meeting registration site should now be trouble free.

Update on the Pebble Mine resolution: Lisa Stuby reported that because it is so early in the process of considering the proposed mine, the Alaska Chapter has chosen not to take a position. ExCom agreed that no further action should be pursued at the Division or Society level.

Snake River resolution and ad-hoc committee: A Snake River Committee has been formed, consisting of Chair Dave Ward, with members from the Oregon, Idaho, and Washington-British Columbia chapters, and a member from the Division's Environmental Concerns Committee. The purpose of the committee is to ensure the relevance and proper application of the July 2000 WDAFS Snake River Resolution to ongoing decisions regarding Federal Columbia River Power System Operations (FCRPS) and recovery of listed salmon and steelhead. The first committee product will be a review of the Obama Administration's Adaptive Management Implementation Plan. A draft will be available for ExCom review by January 29<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative that ExCom members are prepared to consider the review during the February 11<sup>th</sup> conference call so that the review can be made public in a timely manner that will be relevant to the current court proceedings regarding the Biological Opinion for the FCRPS.

Procedures manual update: Lori Martin and Dave Ward are making progress on developing the manual. A rough draft should be ready for review by mid-February, with a final version ready for ExCom approval at the annual meeting, and subsequent presentation at the business meeting.

Nominating Committee: Bob Hughes agreed to run for President of the Society. The Division still needs to find a new Chair for the Nominating Committee.

Other business: Attendance at chapter meetings by WD officers was discussed briefly. No one has yet been assigned to attend the Mexico Chapter meeting in May. Dave Ward tentatively agreed to attend, pending review of his calendar and travel arrangements.

Next call: February 11, 2010.

Submitted by Mary Buckman, Secretary-Treasurer

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